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Thanks from Stennis Space Center !



NASA Photo

NASA employees at Stennis Space Center, along with their families, send a heartfelt thank you to NASA's nine other field centers and Headquarters for their help recovering from Hurricane Katrina's devastating effects. NASA employees across the agency helped with the recovery efforts by raising relief funds and donating materials and personal items. Many centers provided staff positions for employees who lost their homes and needed to relocate, while workers opened their homes to Katrina's displaced victims. Employees throughout the country also volunteered to work at Stennis and Michoud in the storm's aftermath, filling gaps while employees tried to put their homes and communities back together.

Whale Bone Discovered on Wallops Island



A whale bone, measuring approximately 11 feet 6 inches long, was found on the south end of Wallops Island on November 14.

The bone, possibly from a blue whale, was examined by Les Wright (pictured) and Owen Hooks of the Wallops Environmental Team.

Photo by Owen Hooks

Wallops Shorts..... Launch

Two NASA Terrier-Improved Orion sounding rockets were launched from White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The launches took place on November 14 and 18. The reimbursable missions were tracking exercises for the Navy. The principal investigator was John Winstead, Naval Air Warfare Center. The mission manager was Bill Payne, NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract, (NSROC).

In the News

Chincoteague Beacon, "Local Hub-Bub over Hubble"

Virginia Pilot., "Senate Oks Financing for Projects in Hampton Roads"

Eastern Shore Post, "Supervisors Advised to Refuse their Own Zoning Request"

Eastern Shore Post, "Feds Propose Wallops Funding"

Daily Times, "Senate Budget Includes Millions for Wallops"

Eastern Shore News, "Supervisors Kill Wallops Rezoning Plea"

Daily Times, "Space Science Team Launches"

Eastern Shore News, "Opposition Speaks Out vs. Navy Range"

Virginia Pilot, "Nonprofit Warns Navy on Sonar Range"

Eastern Shore News, "Wallops Gets Boost from U.S. Senate"

Eastern Shore News, "Board Supports Broadband Network"

SEM-Satchel De-integration



Photo by Berit Bland

Anne Arundel County, Md., school students (left to right) Kelly Jones, Katie Anderson, and Kate Clowes are shown in the process of de-integrating their SEM-Satchel experiment at Wallops on November 16. The satchel spent several months on-board the International Space Station and was returned by the space shuttle Discovery in August 2005.

Patent Awarded for the SAFS System

A patent was recently awarded for the Standard Autonomous File Server (SAFS) system designed by Sue Semancik, NASA Wallops Information, Technology and Communications Office, and Annette Conger, Raytheon.

SAFS is being used as an autonomous intermediary between ground stations and their data customers who have requirements that can not be managed by media distribution.

SAFS improved automated file transfer

capability is used at NASA Ground Network sites at Svalbard, Norway; Poker Flat Research Range, Alaska; Wallops Orbital Tracking Station, Va.; and McMurdo, Antarctica as well as the Alaska SAR Facility and at the central SAFS site at Goddard Space Flight Center,

QuikSCAT was the first project supported by SAFS. Several other projects, including ADEOS II, SAGE III, and EO-1, are currently using the SAFS. Discussions are on-going with other projects for potential SAFS support.

Combined Federal Campaign Ends December 2

The Combined Federal Campaign, (CFC), has been extended to Friday, December 2. No further extensions are anticipated. Goddard employees have given generously this season. We have reached over 80% of our monetary goal of \$500,000. More than 811 of our employees have submitted gifts so far, more than half of those gifts received through WebTADS.



If you have not already submitted a pledge, consider making a donation. Even \$1 per pay period (\$52 per year) can help get vaccinations to hundreds of children in need. Your gift can make a world of difference.

Influenza Vaccine (Flu Shots)

For:
Civil servant
employees in
the high-risk
category



When:
By appointment from 1:30 to 3:30
p.m.

Where: Health Unit

Call the Wallops Health Unit at
x1266 for further information or to
make an appointment.

**FSAFEDS Open Season
Ends December 12**

See: www.FSAFEDS.com

World Middleweight Championship Boxing



Jermain Taylor
vs
Bernard Hopkins

9 p.m.
December 3
Building F3,
Rocket Club

Live on 12-foot screen.
For further information
contact Robert Tittle
at x1244.

Federal Employee Health Benefit Open Season Ends December 12

For information visit:
www.opm.gov/insure/health

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